

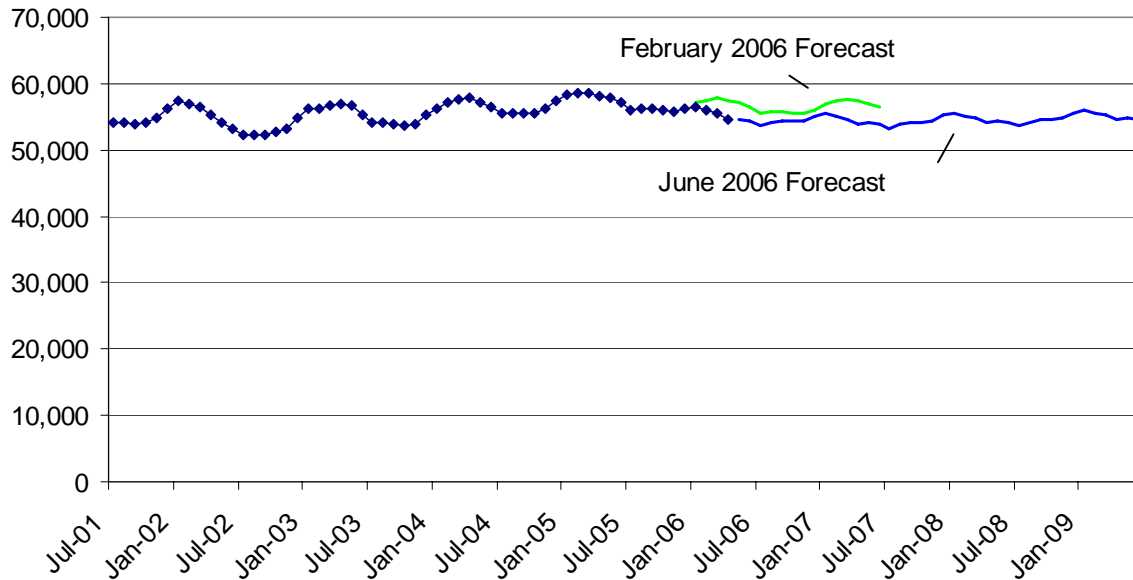
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), via the WorkFirst program, provides benefits for low-income families with children. These include cash assistance and services families need to work, look for work, or prepare for work.

TANF Caseload June 2006 Forecast



Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-06 Forecast	Jun-06 Forecast	Feb to June Difference	Percent Difference
2006	57,486	55,647	-1,839	-3.2%
2007	57,708	54,409	-3,299	-5.7%
2008	--	54,458		
2009	--	54,869		

Tracking the February 2006 Forecast

	Feb-06 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Jan-06	57,155	56,507	-648	-1.1%
Feb-06	57,468	55,886	-1,582	-2.8%
Mar-06	57,771	55,446	-2,325	-4.0%
Apr-06	57,405	54,532	-2,873	-5.0%

- Actuals are tracking, on average, 3.2 percent below the February 2006 projection for the past four months.
- The June 2006 TANF projection for the current 2005-06 fiscal year is 3.2 percent lower than the February 2006 projection.

TANF Fiscal Year Caseload Change				
	<i>Caseload Change</i>	<i>Percent Change</i>		<i>Caseload</i>
FY01-02	465	0.9%	<i>Actual</i>	55,043
FY02-03	-402	-0.7%		54,641
FY03-04	968	1.8%		55,609
FY04-05	1,340	2.4%		56,949
FY05-06	-1,301	-2.3%	<i>Forecast</i>	55,647
FY06-07	-1,238	-2.2%		54,409
FY07-08	49	0.1%		54,458
FY08-09	411	0.8%		54,869

The TANF forecast methodology reflects seasonal caseload fluctuations. The methodology assumes entry and exit rates for each month correspond to the rate for the same month in the previous year. Therefore it reflects program performance over the last year and then approaches a rate of change at levels similar to projected population growth. Initiatives that are underway within the WorkFirst program, but not yet fully implemented, may continue to reduce the caseload beyond what is reflected in this projection.